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SUBJECT: UNICEF PLEDGING CONFERENCE: DRAFT SPEECH

1. FOLLOWING IS SUGGESTED DRAFT SPEECH TO BE DELIVERED
BY US REPRESENTATIVE TO UNICEF MICHAEL N. SCELSI AT
ANNUAL UNICEF PLEDGING CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 4.
QUOTE: THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN: ANOTHER MOMENTOUS YEAR
HAS PASSED SINCE WE LAST GATHERED HERE TO INDICATE OUR
SUPPORT FOR UNICEF. UNICEF HAS MADE A TREMENDOUS EFFORT
IN THE PAST YEAR ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN THE WORLD OVER.
NONETHELESS THEIR LOT IS STILL A CRITICAL ONE. OUR BEST
EFFORTS BARELY STEM THE TIDE. CHILDREN EVERYWHERE
DESERVE A BETTER LIFE THAN THEY ARE GETTING, AND NATIONS,
AS WELL AS UNICEF, SHOULD GIVE RENEWED SPECIAL ATTENTION
TO THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN WHO ARE, AFTER ALL, THE HUMAN
RESOURCES UPON WHOM THE FUTURE OF THE WORLD WILL DEPEND.

MAY I TAKE THIS OCCASION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION BY
ALL OF US FOR THE HARD WORKING AND DEDICATED HEADQUARTERS
AND FIELD STAFF OF UNICEF AND ITS DISTINGUISHED LEADER,
HARRY LABOUISSSE. WE PROVIDE THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES,
BUT WITHOUT THEIR DEVOTED EFFORTS,
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NOTHING COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED. UNDER THEIR GUIDANCE, THE

PRINCIPLE OF BASIC SERVICES FOR CHILDREN IN DEVELOPING

COUNTRIES HAS MADE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS DURING THE PAST YEAR, AND A PAPER ON THE SUBJECT DRAFTED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL BE UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT THE CURRENT SESSION.

IN PAST YEARS OUR LEGISLATIVE PROCESS HAS NOT PERMITTED ME TO INDICATE AT THIS MEETING THE EXTENT OF U.S. SUPPORT FOR UNICEF, OTHER THAN IN GLOWING TERMS OF PRAISE. THIS YEAR I AM HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES HAVE APPROPRIATED FOR UNICEF FOR 1977 THE SUM OF DOLLARS 20 MILLION WHICH SHOWS OUR CONTINUED HIGH REGARD AND SUPPORT FOR THE OBJECTIVES AND IDEALS OF UNICEF. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. UNQUOTE.

2. MISSION PLEASE PASS TO SCELSI FOR COMMENTS/CHANGES AND RECLEARANCE WITH DEPARTMENT IF NEEDED.

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